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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EGEN, ETRN, US, RP
SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/RP NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 169724; (B) ARNOLD-MEADOWS TELECON

1. IN FINAL CALL TO ARNOLD BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR KOREA WITH ROMULO, MABILANGAN REPORTED (A) GOP HAS FULLY APPROVED NOTE AND GOP REPLY AWAITS ONLY RECEIPT US NOTE; (B) WHAT APPEARED TO BE DEVELOPING QUID PRO QUO ON PENALTIES AGAINST PAL WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A CONDITION TO GOP CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT. HE REQUESTED ON BEHALF OF GENERAL ROMULO THAT WE MOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DELIVER US NOTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFERENCES THAT CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORITY HAS BEEN APPROVED BUT THAT ACCOUNT MUST NOW BE TAKEN OF MINOR CHANGES IN TEXT SINCE THAT APPROVAL WAS SIGNED. WE TRUST THAT THIS IMPEDIMENT CAN BE REMOVED QUICKLY AND THAT THE AUTHORITY TO INITIAL US NOTE CAN BE PROVIDED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE NO LATER THAN OOB AUGUST 6.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF ARNOLD/MEADOWS TELECON WE HAVE REFLECTED ON SOMEWHAT UNFORTUNATE PENCHANT OF PHILS TO SHOOT THEMSELVES IN THE FOOT, AS WITNESS REFERENCE TO FTL IN THEIR NOTE. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR AT EVERY
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OPPORTUNITY THAT STATUS QUO NEEDED TO BE RECOGNIZED IN NOTE,

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HENCE SUCCESSFUL INCLUSION LANGUAGE ON THIS POINT. IN
VIEW DEVELOPMENT LEADING TO GOP AGREEMENT, AND IN
LIGHT SOFT WORDING PHIL STATEMENT, WE CONSIDER GOOD PART
THEIR POSITION IS BLUSTER WHICH WILL SUBSIDE, NOT TO FOR-
GET THEY MAY GO ON ASSERTING THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO
GET GUAM FOR FTL.

4. ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN A NEAR TRAUMATIC PROCESS, WE
BELIEVE THE ARRANGEMENT FINALLY REACHED IS QUITE SERVICEABLE OF
ATTAINABLE NEAR TERM GOALS ON BOTH SIDES. WE THEREFORE
STRONGLY REITERATE REQUEST FOR PROMPT AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE
THE ARRANGEMENT.
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